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My Baronite suspects that Mars (HUTCHINSON) would never have been written if S. Darling Barker had not read The Heavenly Twins. The skittish, reckless, warm-hearted, wellmeaning girl, of surpassing grace and beauty, is a difficult type to mould. It does not find its highest exemplification in Mars, whilst the effort at smartness in conversation, rarely rising above slang, is repellant. One good thing in the book is the scene where Mars meets the unrecognised destroyer of her father's life, and, all unconsciously, wins him to the decision to make retribution. That has promise in it.

The Pen and Ink Sketches made during a P. and O. Voyage by Mr. Harry Furniss, published at Effingham House. Strand. contain some of this artist's best work from his sharp-pointed pencil. Ladies shown as "dressing under difficulties" is excellent, of course as an effort of imagination, as how could a gentleman with the distinct of the strange of the artist be admitted to the mysteries of a lady's cabin, even during the most eccentric conduct of the roughest and rudest sea without at least getting a considerable "dressing" himself? But at the illustration facing p. 100 has not Mr. FURNISS alily shown as "how it's done," by representing a little black-and-white chap looking in at the port-hole of a lady's cabin? Perhaps.

In A Run Through "The Nibelang's Ring," Mr. PHILIP LESLIE AGNEW (BRADBURY, AGNEW & Co.) gives us the clue to the

Wagnerian mase of Das Rheingold, Die Walküre, Siegfried, and Gotterdümmerung. To present a clear and concise summary of the "plot" is a task that would have taxed the powers of the keenest judge in summing-up, for the benefit of the jury, the case of The Rhine Maidens Co. v. Wotan and Others, in which so many interests of various parties to the suit are essentially involved. This task, which might have been the thirteenth labour of Hercules, Mr. Phillip Agnew has triumphantly effected, and if a convertibe to Wagner wishes to become a master Cyclist (Wagnerian, not Bikerian), he cannot do better than study this book, and so to master the master, and thoroughly appreciate the operatic story of this golden legend of the Rhine and the Rhino. That Wagner was well up in nursery lore, and had more than once seen a good old-fashioned English pantomime, when demons, dwarfs, fairies, monsters, and big-headed people occupied the stage, is, chez nous, a deep-seated conviction. What is one of the principal situations in the opening but an adaptation of an incident courring in that truly sensational story, Puss in Boots of This book appears just at the right moment, when the Wagnerian operatic season has commenced. To every operagoer this brochure of Mr. Phill-Harmonic Agnew—will be as interesting a sit in instruction. Wagnerian maze of Das Rheingold, Die Walküre, Siegfried, and himself down as Mr. PHIL-HARMONIC AGNEW-will be as intecesting as it is instructive; while to the pleasure felt by all genuine Wagnerian "Cyclists" it will give a most welcome THE BARON DE B.-W.

#### ACADEMICAL DIALOGUE.

Mr. Know-L'ttle, Junior. I say, what does "Cancellarius" mean at the University P

Well-instructed Senior. Let me see, wasn't there a dance called the Celarius?

Mr. K.-L., Junior. No, it's not a dance. It's a man. It's some University swell.

Well-instructed Senior. Oh, then I see—it's derived from the verb "to cancel." He is the chap who looks after the votes of the Senate and the University papers generally, and cancels anyhing he doesn't like.

Mr. K.-L., Junior. Oh, thank you so much! [Exeunt severally.

"Oh, did you ne'er Hear of a Gallant Young Waterman?"—
The amateur champion of the sculis, yelept GUY NICKALLS, is to
be rewarded with GOLD! At least, the union of the abovementioned here with Miss Gold is announced. Fancy commencing married life with a Golden Wedding! Excellent omen.

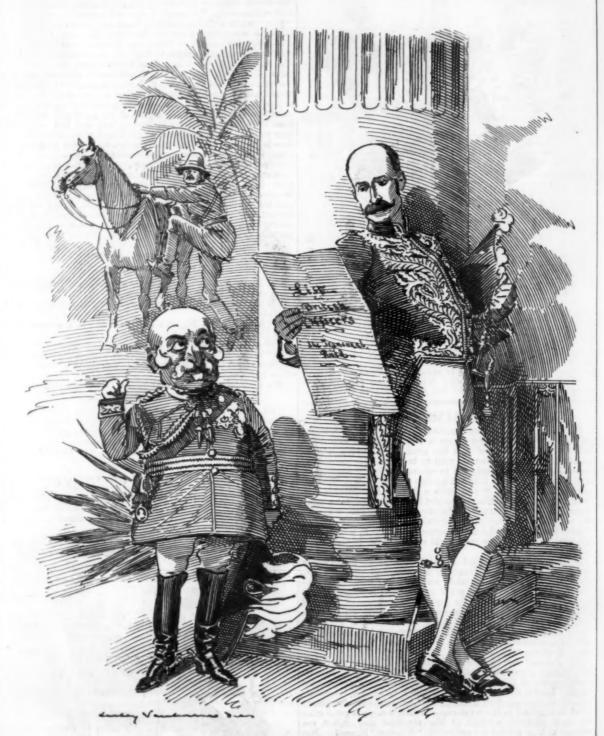
APPROPRIATE.—In The Golden Legend, recently given at the Albert Hall, the part of Lucifer was given to Mr. Black. But he was, observed a critic, "somewhat disappointing." Evidently Lucifer is not Black, or not so black as he has been painted.



GRAN'PA, CAN I HAVE A SHILLING, PLEASE ?"

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A CASE FOR CLEMENCY.

Field-Marshal Punch (addressing Lord Lansdowne, while indicating Mr. C-c-l Rh-d-s). "Now, my Lord, they've reinstated him, how about Willoughby and the others?"

#### SPORTIVE SONGS.

A Lover, head of a Firm celebrated for its par-ticular wares, having been entreated by his Mistress to change his plebeian names and abandon business, answers in no amenable

I quite remember all you said, Your letters o'er and o'er I've read, Your letters o'er and o'er I've read, And hope you won't deem me ill-bred, If I resent your tone, love! My father made his "pile" with glue, The "Hold-me-tight," invention new, That caught the many, not the few, In fact, it stood alone, love!

This compound gained a world-wide fame This compound gained a world-wide fame
And still to-day it is the same—
I write without a spark of shame,
For it cannot be beaten!
The Public was not slow to see
That "Hold-me-tight" a gem must be;
And it brought in the £ s. d.
On which I went to Eton.

All opposite to humble me, You claim a long-time pedigree From ancestors who crossed the sea On Welsh or Scottish borders As henchmen, Frenchmen, train de luxe Of brutal barons, Norman dukes, Those I should style successful "flukes" Who scored amid marauders!

You do not look with scornful eye On Yankee heiresses, who try In Burke, Debrett or Lodge to buy What's coarsely called a handle! Yet their "Pap-aws," on dollars bent, Ne'er scrupled how each dime or cent Was day by day begged, stolen, lent— Their game was worth the candle!

Now my "Pap-aw," with instinct true,
Put all his early pence in glue,
And so you hint you'll say adieu
If I don't "cut the shop," love!
His name was PAWKINS, so is mine,
An appellation not divine.
You "hold me tight," as you opine,
But with the shop I'll stop, love!

#### AT THE SERVICE OF THE SERVICE.

(A Forecast of the Future.)

Scene—A lecture-chamber at a military college.

Lecturer d'ocovered behind a table. Students taking notes.

Lecturer. I have now shown you a colonel and a major. I will disappear for a few seconds, and then appear as a captain. [Dives under his table.

First Student. What's the lecture about? I got in too late for the beginning.
Second Student. It's on "the Militia."

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Lecturer (emerging from his table in fresh regimentals). Now, my men, you must regard me as your friend as well as your commander. I am responsible for your well-being. (Applause, amidst which the Lecturer resumes his ordinary clothing.) And now, gentlemen, it is unnecessary to give you a sketch of a subaltern, as that genus of the army officer must be known to all of you. And before I go I would be glad to answer any questions.

First Student. Thank you, sir. May I ask why you have been giving this inte-the civilian.

resting entertainment?

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Lecturer. Certainly. To show you, gentle-



Chemist (to battered remale, who is covered with scratches). "The Cat, I suppose?" Battered Female. "No. Another Lydy!"

men, your duty in the Militia. You will be expected to play many parts.

First Student. But surely not simul-

taneously?

Lecturer. Why, certainly. The old constitutional force is so undermanned in the statutional force is so undermanned in the commissioned ranks, that if the youngest subaltern of a battalion cannot do equally well for colonel, major, and captain, the chances are that—well, I would be sorry to answer for the consequences. And now, gentlemen, we will consider how a ballot for soldiering can be established without seriously affecting the cherished rights of the civilian.

[Scene clases in upon an unsuccessful attempt to solve the problem,

#### COMPONENT PARTS.

[Professor SCHENK holds the theory that a rine diet tends to the production of girls.]

PROFESSOR SCHENK, though haply true, Most certainly it is not new,
Your theory—I'm afraid;
Nursery traditions long ago
Said 'tis of sugar (don't you know?)
That little girls are made.

Then to produce the sterner sex Why with recondite science vex When nursery lore avails?
Because it clearly would suffice
To take, instead of "all things nice,"
A course of "snips and snails."



LET'S HOPE SO.

Agent (going round Farm with grumbling Tenant). "Come, Smithers, you've a capital Field of Wheat there-and that's

WORTH MONEY NOWADAYS."

Smithers. "YES, 'CAUSE I'VE NONE TO SELL. YOU MAY BE SARTAIN SURE THEY'LL STOP FEIGHTING AFORE THAT'S READY FOR MARKET. THE 'MERRICANS ALLERS WAS THE RUINATION OF WE FARMERS!"

#### COME INTO THE COVENT GARDEN, MAUD!

OPENING night of the Common or Garden Opera and of a Wagnerian season with Lohengrin in German-cum-choro-Italiano. Bravo "choro"! Very good. All old friends; able-bodied EDOUARD DE RESZKE; a genuine VAN DYCK; Madame EMMA EAMES singing charmingly, but so pussled as to what to dodramatically with Elsa as to suggest re-naming herself as Dil-EMMA KAMES.

MARIE BREMA was the tragic female bore Ortrud; Mr. Dictionary LEMPRIERE PRINGLE the Herald, or Heerrufer, and a new-comer, Herr Fernhals, as Telramund. The last-named singer might be regarded by persons more familiar with sporting than operatic matters as something to do with "Captain Coe's Fin-als," but that is not so. Herr Feinhals in his finals, meaning his finished style, came out strong. The Herr having come to stop, we shall not require a change of Herr for some time. Signor the Merry Mancinelli, removed from his conductor's perch in front of stage, now occupies a back seat whence he can command his musical army with greater ease. He is monarch of all he surveys, His right there is none to dispute, His baton the drummer obeys, And so do the strings and the flute. Which is rhyme. Royalty in

And so do the strings and the flute. Which is rhyme. Royalty in full force. H.R.H. patronising corner seat in omnibus, which was "full inside, all right," everybody making room for each other with utmost courtesy, remembering the golden rule, "In omnibus caritas!" Good commencement.

Tuesday.—A new Romeo, M. Saleza, and a new Juliette, Miss Suzanne Adams, both nice, but not strikingly remarkable for anything in particular. M. Plangon was admirable as the druggist, Frire Laurent, Miss Bauermeister was the youthful old nurse, who is noither Shareparks's old family servant, not

crowded as might have been expected by worshipping Wagcrowded as might have been expected by worshipping Wagnerians. No doubt as to treble-excellence of performance. Herr Van Rooy as Wotan! Wot an artist! And Miss Marie Brema as Brinnhilde in this cast. Herr Costa (memorable name at Covent Garden when prefixed by "Signor" instead of "Herr") and pretty Frau Cziuk were the "Heavenly Twins," Siegmund and Sieglinde. "PETRE" PRINCIE good, as, indeed, were they all. There are five English "Misses" in the cast, and yet it was a hit! Herr Herman Zumpe made his first appearance as conductor, and showed himself quite as f if at leading the way through Wagnerian wagaries. What a liberal linguistic education does the opera offer to us now-a-days! German one night, French another, and occasionally Italian! While the chorus, true to their ancient—some very ancient—traditions, stick to their loved Italiano in Covento Gardenio. Couldn't we have Figare in Spanish, Peter the Czar in Bussian, Aïda in Egyptian, Falstaff in English, &c.?

Thursday.—Crowded house for popular Faust. H.R.H. in omnibus, corner seat. Bonnard first-rate substitute for suddenly indisposed Van Dyck. Emmir Eames charming Marguerite. Costume artistic and comparatively unconventional. Sung in French. N.B.—Covent Garden no longer Royal Italian Opera. No Italians need apply. On a changé tout cela.

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Wednesday.—A Weirdy Wagnery Walküre night. Not quite so

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"IN STRANGE ATTIRE."

"NURSE! NURSE! BOBBY'S OUT OF BED, AND BUNNING ABOUT IN HIS BANANAS!

#### THE TRUE HISTORY OF OTHELLO AND DESDEMONA.

["Signor Charre Augusto Levi, Keeper of the Torallo Museum at Venice, has discovered an old manuscript which proves that Desdemona was not averse to receiving the attentions of other men," and that although Othello us d her roughly, she survived him for several years."—Daily Paper.]

Come here, and I 'll tell you a story. 'Tis all about a fellow Who wed an I-talian lady, and his name it was OTHELLO. Black as a chimney-sweeper he was, while she was so young and

fair, With large and beautiful dark blue eyes, and lovely long golden

She live I with her parents in Venice, DESDEMONA was her name; To marry her to a blackamoor was, I think, "a great big shame." However, they went and did it, though she tried to kick, and she cried.

No good, for the poor young woman was forced to become his bride.

She hadn't been very long married, as I have no doubt you can

Than she fairly sickened of Blackie, and matters got into a mess.

The play by the late Mr. Shakspeare sends Blackie clean off his head;

He smothers his wife with a pillow while she is asleep in bed.

It own it's dramatic and proper, as seen from his point of view;
But just as a matter of hist'ry, it isn't precisely true.
At least, so asserts Mr. Levr, who ought to be "in the know,"
Or surely he would not have written thus giving away the show.
These blacks aren't too sweet in their tempers whenever they

feel a bit riled.

guess he wallopped her finely for conduct which drove him wild; But as for his trying to kill her, as Shakspeare declares he did. That's all a poetical license, in simple vernacular, "kid."
When coming to think it over, you cannot but pity the Black,
Who knew his bride was "carrying on" with a lot behind his

back

We want to see DESDEMONA appear in "act six and last,"
As Cassio's wife,—poor fellow !—" with a" not-to-be mentioned
"past."



"I HEAR YOU HAD AN ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST YOU BY A MAN WHO BROKE HIS COLLAR-BONE ON YOUR DOORSTEP, HOW DID THE CARE GO?"
"MET THE SAME FATE AS HE DID," "HOW DO YOU MEAN?"

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#### THE DOMESTIC BALLAD:

OR, THE SONG THAT TOUCHES THE SPOT.

["It is all very well saying that sentiment is cheap, but that is said as a rule by your asinine critic, who doesn't understand human nature, a wretched being who doesn't realise that it means getting to people's hearts."—Great Thoughts. ("A Talk with Mr. F. E. Weatherly.")]

On, say not "Sentiment is cheap to-day!"
How can the song that makes a man to weep

Or else (conversely) wipes his tears away Be cheap?

Nor say that sea-girt England's heart is dumb, Her feeling for the briny lapsed or lost;

That sailors on the foam have now become A frost :

That that unique creation, Nancy Lee,
No more can stir the bosom as she stands
Waving upon an eligible quay
Her hands;

That he who ploughed the deep with such aplomb,

Whose heart was ever open, brave and true. Whose yarns derived a racy flavour from The blue;—

For whom the total female neighbourhood, All free to use the Christian name of JACK,

Prayed that the list of wrecks might not include His smack;

That he, the British type, whose breast achieved Ever new miracles of grit and pluck,

Has now, to put it vulgarly, received
The chuck!

No, never! Nor shall changing taste depose The simple serio-pathetic song
Of love elated, or the sort that goes
All wrong.

Under the stress of music's low appeal
Oft have I noticed men about the Town,
Strong men, encumbered by a heavy meal,
Break down,

Hearing the tale of Darby and his Joan, Or that of those who whispered lovers' lore

In the dear days of what is widely known As "yore";

Who, mad with memory of the morning dew That pearled the poppied meads where once they met,

Are recommended by the writer to Forget.

Ah! yes; for at the after-dinner hour, When even hearts of stone incline to melt, 'Tis then the homely ballad-monger's power

For then the mind with meat is overlaid; From finer fancies men politely shrink; I trow they would not willingly be made To think.

And so wherever England's sons have dined, And join the ladies with a listless air, Someone will call for my peculiar kind Of ware;

And surely get it. Ay! for still the old Old ditties shall endure and never pass. Thus differing from the Critic. Him I hold An ass!

#### TO JULIA UNDER LOCK AND KEY.

["The latest form of betrothal gift in America is an anklet secured by a padlock, of which the other party keeps the key."—Daily Paper.]

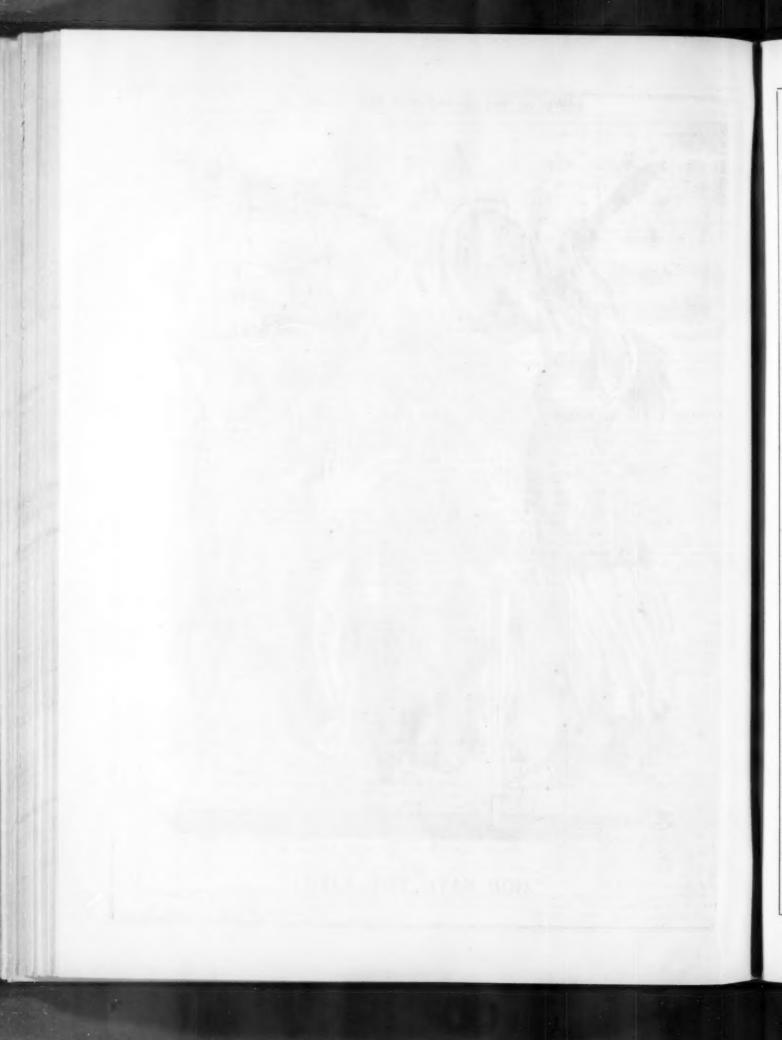
When like a bud my Julia blows In lattice-work of silken hose, Pleasant I deem it is to note How, 'neath the nimble petticoat,
Above her fairy shoe is set
The circumvolving sonulet.
And soothly for the lover's ear
A perfect bliss it is to hear About her limb so lithe and lank My Julia's ankle-bangle clank. Not rudely tight, for 'twere a sin To corrugate her dainty skin; Nor yet so large that it might fare Over her foot at unaware; Over her foot at unaware;
But fashioned nicely with a view
To let her airy stocking through:
So as, when JULIA goes to bed,
Of all her gear disburdened,
This ring at least she shall not doff
Because she cannot take it off.
And since thereof I held the home And since thereof I hold the key She may not taste of liberty, Not though she suffer from the gout, Unless I choose to let her out.

#### In a Garden.

Daisy. What's that, William? Gardener. It's an'ose, Miss. Daisy. A nose! Does it smell the flowers?



"GOD SAVE THE KING!"





["The Lowther Arcade is to be sold by public auction early in May." - Daily Paper.]

[Indignation Meeting being held after Closing-time at the Lowther Arcade, Mr. Jack-in-the-Box in the Chair, to protest against building a huge Hotel or Theatre on the Site of this Historic Thoboughpare.

#### THE FUTURE OF LOWTHER ARCADIA.

In the early hours of the morning a few days since, an influential meeting of the residents of the Lowther Arcade was held to protest against the selling of the Crown Lease. The Chair was occupied by Mr. JACK-IN-THE-BOX.

The Chairman addressed the meeting. He was glad to find before him so influential a gathering. They were there to protest against any scheme that would drive away the present industry from the Strand. (Cheers.) He would detain them no longer, but request his friend, the Master of the Hunt to move the first resolution.

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Thus called upon, a doll in a red coat, richly trimmed with gold lace, addressed the meeting. He said he had known the spot from the earliest period of his existence. He considered the place delightful to every one. He thought it would be a great mistake if the Lowther Arcade were abolished. (Cheers.)

A gentleman, who described himself as "the Miller," claimed for their residence the title of "The True Temple of the Legi-imate Drama." Where in England could be found that admirable production, "The Miller and his Men," in all its perfection, from the first set-piece of "robbers drinking," to the final "trick explosive scene," with its red-fire stage directions? (Cheers.) Where in all England could be found a more brilliant orchestra, with its musicians giving their undivided attention to the scores before them, and the occupants of the proseenium boxes devoting their whole being to the play, although from their position they were evidently unable to see any of the actions of the performers? He protested against the destruction of the Lowther Arcade. (Cheers.)

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A green parrot said he wished to speak on behalf of his fellow creatures in their dear old home. They had been very happy there. (A beat on the drum by the rabbit.) The time had passed very pleasantly. ("Coco" from the Swiss clock.) It had been the residence of their parents. ("Pa, pa,"

"Ma, ma, 'from a seven-and-sixpenny speaking doll.) It was the abode of harmony. (The remainder of the parrot's speech was drowned in the tunes of half-a-down musical boxes.)

boxes.)
When silence was again secured, a tin Lifeguards-man insisted on being heard. He said that so far the speeches had been pacific. But was that enough? ("Hear, hear.") Were they not able to defend themselves? In his own abop—he begged pardon, barracks—he knew that they had laid in boxes no less than three thousand infantry, an encampment with real tents, and any number of batteries of artillery, from the sixpenny pea-ahooting gun up to the two-guinea field-piece that let off real gunpowder. (Cheers.) He would never



MOTTO FOR L. C. & D. STEAMERS.
"On toward Calais, ho!"

confess himself defeated, and he trusted that his bravery would soften the heart of that mercenary female who had thrown him over to accept the offer of a sixpenny dearer rival. ("Shame.") But this was a private matter. ("Hear, hear.") And as a public man, he stuck to his motto of no surrender. (Loud cheers.)

At this point of the proceedings a door was opened, a watchman entered, and the dolls of the Lowther Aroade quickly assumed the inanimate attitudes appropria'e to listless toyhood.

#### MY CIGARETTE.

["The cigarette, which was banned for so many years by the faculty, is now upheld by the Hospital as a panacea against many of the smaller ills of life," and women are urged to seek the solace of tobacco when troubled by domestic or other worries."—Daily Graphic.]

TIME was they boded wees untold Whene'er thy snewy length I rolled, Croaking with raven voice that Death Lurked in thine all too fragrant breath. I heeded nothing what they said, Nor marked the wisely-wagging head, But, blindly loving, lingered yet O'er thy sweet joys, my Cigarette!

And as I watched with dreaming eyes
Thine inter-wreathed fancies rise,
Lo! at thy magic softly stole
A peace divine upon my soul.
My troubles vanished. Filled with thee,
What was the weary world to me?
Sorrow and care I would forget
In thy sweet joys, my Cigarette!

But now thy dark eclipse is past,
Thine hour of triumph dawns at last;
While Slander, dumb and put to shame,
No longer dares besmirch thy name.
The sick and sorrowful shall flee,
All trustful confidence, to thee,
To find a cure for care and fret
In thy sweet joys, my Cigarette!

Aria Calais, ho!"

BAIT APPRECIATED BY BOTH CRICKETERS

King John, Act III., Sc. 3.

AND FISHERMEN.—Lobs.

#### MR, PUNCH'S "ANIMAL LAND."

( With Acknowledgments as before.)



This terminal and most versytial little thrimal is hilly skill at every sought of thrimal is hilly skill at every sought of threwsick. He keeps a quirefull of mensickle arristicals that call out Bach together. He persenally conduckts them through requirements and things and they get perple in the face trying to heep one tye on his conduckting rad. It must be a put strane for the exestle. He is auxill good at Irish Jigos too that must be a please chance for them all after the congrigation is all left.



This clever soshable of in the has got a mainyer for eight of everything. Eight wasters eight wines eight where such and indicate and lies they all sorrous each and indilected at him the graphing. He will soon be a cityginnary in all not that the a sellite is him. Hes a extroninary surger so he knows all about points and hinos and is wonderfull good at dight. He spends all has spare time tisk hing of the palette. He is a grate, bleever in treamashen and says he shall some to it some day. I sont call that politic, by you. I thought that has riserved for those that is not rigolar attenders at church or make faces at gove ness.



This curious little Creature never comes out in the same place only about once a year that keeps his vallew up. They take him found in a selloon carrige with his name very large on the outside hermiticly seels and sectionated with maken have ferns and far browcases. They stop at the towns and let him out to play fore four minutes then all the lastes to fally suess were and gass and shoek out. Divuine and such and rush about after him til the palities steps in . Then they his the legs of the piyanno and more for a fortnight did. He looks more like a mosp than shuthing I think.

#### ALEXANDER, AND OTHER CONQUERORS.

THE present play at the St. James's has yet some weeks to run, and to our thinking that run could be, even now, considerably prolonged. Mr. "IRLEY" POTTER's drama, The Conquerors, is marked by strong situations, somewhat too strong, as understood by the majority of persons, and is most excellently acted. I do not remember having often seen Mr. George Alexander to greater advantage than in this character of the wilful, unprincipled school-boy lieutenant, whom nothing but a severe dig in the back, with a knife, from the hand of a wildly impulsive lady can bring to his senses; and I am fairly certain that Miss JULIA NEILSON (Mrs. FRED TRARY) has rarely been more artistically successful in the pourtrayal of any character than she is as Yvons de Grandpré. It is an admirable performance, as is also that of her husband, Mr. FRED TERRY, whose personal identity is completely lost in the characteristics of the French officer, Hugo. The retention of the unnecessary, and painful incident of the two poor trademen ahot as spies by the brutal German general can only be justified by the clever acting of Mr. HOLMES-GORE and Mr. ARTHUR BOYSTON as Merle and Rossignol (farcical names), and of Mr. W. H. VERNON as General Von Brandenberg. To my mind it is perfectly possible to suppose Yvonne actuated by personal and racial hatred of the invader. It is for the author to decide.

Miss FAY DAVIS, as Babiols, is charmingly irresponsible, and

Mr. H. V. Esmond gaily and gallantly depicts the troubles of a somewhat silly young Prussian struggling between love and duty. Mr. H. B. IRVING is again a bilious-looking, cowardly villain, a clover study in black and white; and Miss Constance COLLERS's poasant woman Jeanne Marie Baudin, is a remarkable and memorable performance. M1. BEVERIDOE'S Major Von Wolfshagen, with just that least taste in life of continental Corkasian brogue, probably to be found in the BARI VON LINDENS of Germany, is also excellent. The farcical French element or "comic relief," brought in for Miss M. A. Viotors, seems unnecessary, but it may be taken as a proper balance to a piece, where all The Conquerors being German, it is but fair that, on the French side, there should be one irresistible maiden Victor.

CURIOUS ANOMALY. -- That Christobal Colon should be seeking the destruction of the American Fleet, and that Lafayette be captured by a cruiser of the United States.

#### FLITTINGS.

Johannesburg, April 18.

DEAR MB. PUNCH,—They call this "the Golden City," but I DEAR ME. PUNCH.—They call this "the Golden City," but I think it should be termed the Dust-heap. Every street is a perfect dust bin. On every other shop you will read the pathetic notice, "Come in—closed on account of the dust." And this is supposed to be the rainy season. What the place is like in the Summer, I cannot imagine; but a "London particular" in Fleet Street must be far preferable, judging from the little simooms caused by the slightest amount of traffic. Even the solitary water-cart raises more dust than it lays. There must be pecks enough of Johanneshurz dust to have ransomed any amount of enough of Johannesburg dust to have ransomed any amount of Reformers. As for the sportsmen who frequent the autumn races at the suburb of Turffontein, they return each day looking like golden dustmen, or stone-broke scavengers, as the case may be.

Everybody, by the way, is complaining of depression, hard times, and so forth, yet the tidy sum of £80,000 was subscribed last week for the various sweepstakes, and the "totes" or totalisators do a roaring trade.

Our good friends the Boers are so determined to Hollanderise Our good friends the Boers are so determined to Hollanderise the place that they have erased the last three letters of the word "street" on all the familiar blue and white enamel plates at street corners. The policemen seem to be selected for their inability to direct one in English. I was sent (with great civility, be it admitted) to seven wrong places the other day in order to find the Lost Property Office, and then failed to regain my belongings after all. And yet it is an English town—witness eight smart hansoms that have recently appeared upon the streets.

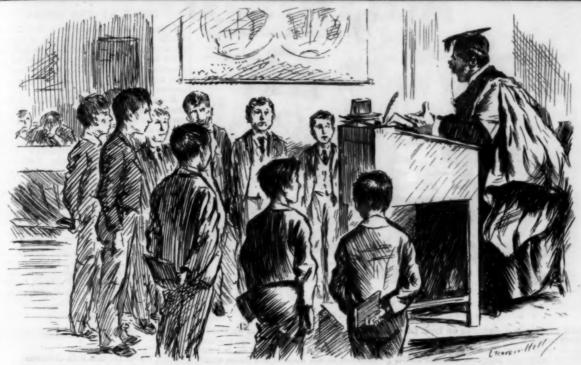
On the whole, Johannesburg, the Gilt-edged, is not exactly an earthly Paradise for the Outlander at present, and to-day we shake its dust out of our clothes, and filt to the Garden Colony of Natal.

Yours, moving on.

Z. Y. X.

Yours, moving on,

MUSIC AND MONEY.—Any speculator with good notes, up to a tenor, may do worse than invest in BENNETT'S "Maiden Mine." If properly worked, the returns should be considerable. When Mr. Whitner Trw "obliges again," why not associate his name with the celebrated "Tew m'ami"? If this doesn't suit his voice then let him try a change of air. We're sure he will be only Tew pleased!



Master. " Blazed every bose-carved Buttress fair. Brown Tertius, do you know what a Buttress is?" Brown Tertius (after deep thought). "Please, Sir, it's when you've got a Lady instead of a Butler!

#### ESSENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

EXTRACTED FROM THE DIARY OF TOBY, M.P.

House of Commons, Monday, May 9.— GRORGE CURZON back to-night after long bout of sickness. Pleasant to see the hearty welcome that cheered his return. Both sides vied with each other in genuine heartiness of congratulation. The House always prompt with kindliness of this nature. But there are degrees of warmth, and the warmest was showered on the young Under-Secretary. This all the more gratifying because it is a position won against certain disadvantages.

One is attributable to his godfathers and godmothers in his baptism. Why they should have inflicted upon him, even on second thoughts, the name of NATHANIEL is a secret discreetly lodged in their tomb. It gives an opening to persons of small spite, who, when they can allege nothing new against an annoyingly successful young man, with subtle inflection of voice allude to him as "George Nathanier." allude to him as "GEORGE NATHANIKI."
Then he brought from the University, with
other youthful possessions pathetically
envied by older men, a certain cocksureness attested by a couplet of alluring
banality. If the manner had been all, it
would have been offensive. Behind it was
a resolute will, a settled purpose, native
capacity, and, not least, a habit of industry,
and love of work. and love of work.

The House of Commons, as SARK may have said before, is the quickest and surest judge of character in the world. It hesitated for some time about George Curzon, showing disposition to adopt the superior

not secured for him opportunity of showing the metal he is made of. That given, the promising a career were cut short by physical infirmity. House generously and genuinely pleased to find that rumour also was a fable. rest was certain. It would be tragic if so

Business done.—Through Budget Resolution in Committee of Ways and Means like winking.

House of Lords, Tuesday .- Lord BRASSEY House of Loras, Tuesday.—Lord sentering House to-night on a holiday visit, home from his Governorship of Victoria, uttered a hurried oath. The Recording Angel, like Mr. Toots and Lord Salisbusy. would say it was "of no consequence," being merely the customary ceremony on a peer taking his seat for the first time in a new Parliament.

Since Brassey carried an added Sunbeam into the waters of Australasia a great deal has happened. Coming back, he is, SARK says, chiefly struck by the extreme quietness of things. That not unnatural, since ness of things. That not unnatural, since never had a peace-loving, equable-tempered Governor such a series of adventures as have befallen Brassry since he left the Thames. He began by being nearly wrecked, running into Cape Town for safety. On land he was pitched off his horse. At sea he tumbled in out of his

person theory. Perhaps he would still morning struggle for CAP'RN TOMMY'S have suffered from that libel if PRINCE moorings, and the excitement of betting ARTHUR, who knew him intimately, had on the daily event, suicide would be an inevitable relaxation. The Lords more accustomed to that kind of thing. Life with them is a perpetually placed pool, stirred only by the emotion of excitement as to whether the sitting shall be strictly limited to five minutes' duration, or whether, as CANNING threatened the Dutch, they

should "clap on twenty per cent."

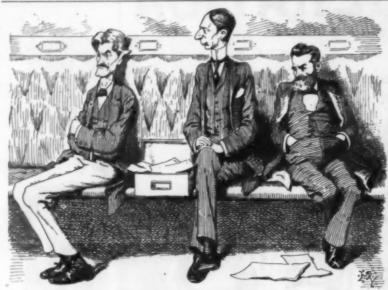
To-night Duke of FIFE almost ruffled equanimity by attempting irregularly to work off a speech. Caratingrow had given notice to raise question of restoration of commissions to Dr. Jim's comrades in his famous raid. Decided to postpone intention, and said so. When he sat down up gat the Duke, and began what was doubtless a convincing and eloquent speech.

"My lords," he said, "I rise to join in the appeal which has been made by my noble friend—"

Quite a crowded House in anticipation of quite a crowded House in anticipation or interesting debate. Noble lords stared in amase at his Grace, who was evidently getting into stride with his speech, under impression that CARRINGTON had made his. Half-a-dosen hands pulled at the ducal coat-tails; CARRINGTON explained he hadn't coat-tails; CARRINGTON explained he hadn't given the cue; FIFE mustn't play with-out the drum; so the Duke (of course, in a Parliamentary sense) "died with all his music in him.

Business done. — Dreary night in Commons, feebly squabbling round receipt of money bribe for passing Irish Local Government Bill.

House of Commons, Thursday .- Another



IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Mr. G. B-lf-r, Mr. D-nb-r B-rt-n, and Mr. T. W. B-se-ll.

quiet evening in Committee on Irish Local Government Bill. Quiet scarcely the word for it; dull better, drearily, dolefully dull. But as habitually happens, dullness means business. It's on your firework nights with long reports in the newspapers and that no real work is done. Attendance chiefly confined to Irish representatives. When hell rings some two or three hundred. When bell rings some two or three hundred Britishers come in to vote. That, they think, is all that can be expected of them.

With occasional assistance of ATTORNEY-General, and comforting, if silent, presence of Dunbar Barron, Gerald Barrour slowly fights his Bill through thicket of amendments. Rarely has similar work been better done. Patient, courteous, quick to see points, ready in reply, with a firm grip that knows when temporarily to relax, he disarms opposition.
TIM HEALY, Truculent no longer, takes him tenderly under his wing. Only for that, John Dillon would be equally friendly. The landlords, who at the outset breathed fire and sword, threatened revolt and rapine, have disappeared from the scene. Over it roots the kindly smile of CHARLES HARE HEMPHILL, sometime H. M. Sergeant-at-Law, now, for the most part, sole representative of the late Government on the front Opposition Bench. Hand-Hill's bodily presence of inestimable ad-vantage to Minister in charge of a Bill. It expresses the essence of mellifluous good

It expresses the essence of mellifuous good temper, is the very embodiment of peace.

"A thorough-going Home Ruler, friend-of-the-tenant, and all that," says SARK, "yet he doesn't look as if he could say 'Boh!' to a rack-renting landlord. The sort of man you'd expect to find quietly drawing from somewhere a pension of £1,000 a year paid in guineas."

Busings done—Local Government Bill

Business done .- Local Government Bill

Business done.—Local Government Bill beginning to rattle along.

Friday.— Pretty to see Members of Kitchen Committee furtively watching Wilfern Lawson as he walks about lobby and corridors. They are responsible for sale of liquor on unlicensed premises under roof of Westminster Palace. Wilfern, after long winking at illegality, feels contact the Market.—The Spring Onion.

with long reports in the newspapers and pictures in all the weeklies. Just now a suspicious lull in proceedings. Willend's solicitor something in position of Spanish fleet. Has put out to sea; no one knows where he is; Kitchen Committee have uncomfortable sensation of his proximity; their flesh creens with apprehension of any their flesh creeps with apprehension of any moment feeling on their shoulder the hand of his myrmidons.

Try to pump Sir WILFRID; attempt to bribe him with offer of unlimited refreshment. He only stares into space, or, looking round the lobby, lets his eye casually, as it were, rest upon the buttened and belted figure of policeman.

MARK LOCKWOOD, a man of war; has seen more than one season's service in Dublin. Lord STANLEY, scion of a crusading race; in comparatively modern times his forbear received on the stricken field the last words of Marmon. Yet, following Sir WILFRID's glance, they both walk uneasily away, wishing that Walkond would extend to them the boon conferred on their col-league Macdona, and give them "leave to go to China."

Business done .- JOHN DILLON once more brings up question of distress in West of Ireland. Brother Gerald reiterates his reply; admits existence of distress while showing that, more Hibernico, it is in parinstances ludicrously exaggerated. Meanwhile Government have established relief works. Then REDMOND cadet blusters in; takes the floor; makes two prodigious speeches; KILBRIDE shrieks; HANDY ANDY FLAVIN is flamboyantly funny. English and Scotch Members, after patient en-

#### DRESS AT THE OPERA.

LORD DYSART, in a letter to the Times. would like to know whether it is legally possible to enforce the rule as to evening dress at the opera in the absence of an accurate definition of it duly advertised in the newspapers? The following might answer this requirement:—

BYAL OPERA, COVENT GARDEN.—This evening at 8. Lohengrin. Gentlemen must wear coats, known as "swallow-tails," and trousers, both entirely of black cloth. and trousers, both entirely of black coth.
Coloured coats not allowed, but dinner
lackets winked at. Shepherd's plaid
trousers, and fancy checks forbinden.
Waistcoats may be black or white, the
front wide open. Knitted jerseys not
allowed. White shirts with starched linen fronts absolutely essential. Flannel shirts forbidden. White collars, and white or black ties indispensable. Socks of black silk. Boots or shoes of black leather, known as "patent." The colours and materials of under vests and braces are alone left to the choice of the wearer. Knickerbockers and dressing-gowns absolutely forbidden. N.B.—Pyjamas, though occasionally worn before midnight, cannot be considered "evening dress."

#### LYCEUM LYRIC.

See Doctor Tregenna Which rhymes with Gehenna), In salts or in seana He doesn't prescribe; His manner's despotic, His method's hypnotic-Effect is narcotic On those who "imbibe."

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And Burge, brutal scowler, Not handsome, but growler, Whose wife is a howler, 'Cos injured,—that's why,-Is changed from a brute-man To sulky half-mute man. Says Doctor, that 'cute man,
"How's this?—'All my eye!'"

#### THE GAZETTE.

THE following official announcements have not yet been made :-

The British squadron will shortly leave Wei-hai-wei Its destination is at present uncertain, but it will probably be Hong Kong, Count MURAVIEFF having intimated that he will not take exception to its presence in that port.

Work has been resumed on the new cruisers now building in Pertsmouth in consequence of the CZAR baving withdrawn

his objection to their completion.

H.M.Ss. Valorous and Terrible have received orders to sail from Southampton to Cowes. In the event of no objections being raised in Europe, they will leave their moorings at an early date.

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